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IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace all claims in the instant application with the listing below amending claims 1, 8-10, 25, 29, and 34-36 and canceling claim 7 as follows:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A lifting sling, said lifting sling comprising:
  - 2 a plurality of core fibers forming a [said lifting] sling body;
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  - 5 a coating comprised of at least an isocyanate mixed with an amine forming
  - 6 polyurea;
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  - 8 a safety core bonded by said coating proximate to said plurality of core fibers,
  - 9 ends of said safety core are concealed within said coating;
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  - 11 said coating further comprising:
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  - 13 an initial layer of said coating that seals said plurality of core fibers from
  - 14 exposure to contaminates;
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  - 16 a plurality of additional layers applied to areas of said [lifting] sling body
  - 17 subject to high crush and shear forces; and
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  - 19 a final splatter layer of said coating applied along said [lifting] sling body,
  - 20 said final splatter layer creating a rugged textured non-slip grip exterior
  - 21 surface.
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1       2. (Previously Presented) The lifting sling in accordance with claim 1, wherein said  
2       coating is selected from the group consisting of a polyurea elastomer, or a hybrid  
3       polyurethane – polyurea elastomer.

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1       3. (Previously Presented) The lifting sling in accordance with claim 1, wherein said  
2       coating has an operational temperature range of -40 to 175 degrees Celsius.

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1       4. (Previously Presented) The lifting sling in accordance with claim 1, wherein said  
2       coating has a tensile strength in the range of up to 6,500 pounds per square inch, an  
3       elongation range of up to 300 percent, and a tear resistance in the range of up to 600  
4       pounds per linear inch.

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1       5. (Previously Presented) The lifting sling in accordance with claim 1, wherein said  
2       coating includes at least one of the following additives:

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- 4           i)       a catalyst;  
5           ii)      a stabilizer;  
6           iii)     a pigment;  
7           iv)      a fire retardant;  
8           v)        a static electricity reducing additive;  
9           vi)      an ultraviolet filtering additive; or  
10          vii)     a thermal cycling additive.

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1       6. (Previously Presented) The lifting sling in accordance with claim 1, wherein said  
2       plurality of core fibers include at least one of the following:

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- 4           i)       nylon;

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